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July 25, 1886
Dear Dr. Allenwood
I received your letter of the 17th of May I received this morning, as I deplored much the exceeding haste and utter ignorance with and in which I was shipped, as it were, I am glad to see that some little thought was given for me in that direction. I am at present boarding with Dr. Allen and shall hope to do so while here. I find both the Dr. & Mrs. Dr. nice congenial people. They being a portion of Dr. Leeson's household in use the museum apparatus for repair and it has been given into a shaman's hands I will then have a study-drawing room sitting room. I am at present occupying Dr. Allen's guest chamber. I took a weeks time to get fully and then began my study of the language. This is the hot season and the one in which foreigners suffer most I am trying to be careful. I therefore rise at 5 in the morning.

now as to my position here, when I started I was informed that my position would be if not quasi, yet nearly that of a physician and that I could return at the expiration of two years and obtain my degree with this end in view. I have work - I have beside my course of training, had two years of lectures on medicine and practical work. I feel perfectly competent of my work here, of opening a hospital for women and taking charge of the same, also of with consulting Dr. Allen & Herrick.

In the signing of the letter
relative to Dr Allen's brocoli, where
I put down simple "Annie Allen"
Dr A. said "oh, put down Mr. D."
and reduntly "put it down."
But thought it must look queer
in your eyes so send this line
of explanation.

of the old Miss Schenck
from Schwerin, Pomerania, she will tell
you of one.
Very truly
Anne Ellen B.A.

KOREA: CHURCH, education, beginnings

"...evangelism rightly preceded the founding of schools... 1886, the year that marked the baptism of the first Korean convert, also marked the starting of a 'Jesus-doctrine school' by our missionaries in Chung Dong, Seoul. This school, first started by Rev. H. G. Underwood, was afterward for a time in charge of the Rev. Jas. S. Gale, not then a member of our mission. From 1890 to 1893 it was under the supervision of Rev. Sa. A. Morfett, and from 1893 to 1897, when it was closed, it was under the care of Rev. F. S. Miller, with whom Mr. W. M. Baird was associated for a short time during the year 1896-7."

"Previous to 1897 a very few missionary schools had been started. They were located in Fusan, near Seoul, at Pyeng Yang, at Sorai and...several other points... and always in connection with churches... They consisted usually of a few little boys pursuing elementary studies with a Korean teacher of the old type, who, except in the one subject of the Chinese character, knew very little more than the pupils. In order to help the teachers of these schools, Messrs. Miller and Baird conducted a short normal class in Seoul in 1897. Teachers and others from Seoul, Fusan, Pyeng Yang, Anak, Chang Yun and Chantari were in attendance to the number of about 15, and these with the advanced pupils of the Chung Dong primary school, brought the number up to about 25. This was a very primitive affair, but it was the first of a series of normal classes..."

- W. M. Baird, "History of the Educational Work", in Quarto Cent. Papers, pp.60,61



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